

RESOLUTION NO. 13-141

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are pleased to honor Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson, first African American School Board Member Madison City Schools during Black History Month, February 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Nash-Stevenson holds her own among pioneering African American women. Her educational accomplishments include a succession of "firsts". Dr. Nash-Stevenson graduated among the top ten percentile of her high school class at the age of 16. By the time she was 19, she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B. S. Degree in Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology from Alabama A&M University. At age 22, she again graduated Magna Cum Laude receiving the first Master's Degree conferred by Alabama A&M University's graduate physics program. In July 1994, Dr. Shelia Nash-Stevenson graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Ph.D. in physics from Alabama A&M University; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Nash-Stevenson's educational achievement ranked her among the first African Americans to receive a Ph.D. from Alabama A&M University, the first African American female to receive a Ph.D. in physics in the State of Alabama and one of less than 20 African American females to hold a Ph.D. in physics in the entire United States. Dr. Nash-Stevenson was featured in over ten newspaper and magazine publications for this accomplishment to include The Huntsville Times, The Decatur Daily, The Birmingham Herald, and Black Issues in Higher Education. Dr. Nash-Stevenson has served as a lecturer through Alabama A&M University's Technical Studies program for Chrysler Cooperation's educational development program. She also continues to tutor and mentor other graduate and undergraduate physics students at Alabama A&M University; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Nash-Stevenson holds many other accomplishments to her credit. She has co-authored several papers in the area of Laser Upconversion and holds a patent for an Optical Fiber Holder. She has been recognized by the NAACP Youth Council, Who's Who Among U.S. Executives, Who's Who Among Women Executives, Outstanding Young Women in America and the National Technical Association as one of the Top 50 Minority Women Scientists. Dr. Nash-Stevenson has also been nominated for awards by Notable American Women, International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women, and Sterling Who's Who; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Nash-Stevenson is a Charter Member of the City of Madison Board of Education, Charter Member of the Madison Rotary Club, a member of Leadership Alabama Alumni, Leadership Huntsville/Madison County Alumni, Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Christian Women's Job Corps Board of Directors, Juvenile Conference Committee, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and,

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WHEREAS, Dr. Nash-Stevenson is employed with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and is an active member of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama where she serves as a Trustee, an Usher and a Greeter. She is the proud wife of Mr. Kirby Stevenson and the proud mother of Kecenia and Keegan Stevenson and resides in Madison, Alabama.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, express special thanks and salute Dr. Sheila Nash-Stevenson for her dedicated service and untiring effort to make the Huntsville/Madison County area a better community. It is a pleasure to honor her during Black History Month, February 2013, first African American School Board Member Madison City Schools and extend best wishes for continued success.

ADOPTED this the 28th day of February, **2013**.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 28th day of February, **2013**.

Mayor of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama